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## APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 218 asked by Sri A. J. Arunachalam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 2nd December 1952, page 882 supra.]

### G.O. No. 1036, L.A., dated 25th May 1951.

[Tax—Property, house and profession taxes—Exemption of weavers—Instructions issued ]

Several representations have been made to Government regarding the deplorable condition of the weavers in the mufassal and as one of the measures of relief to them, it has been suggested that the taxes payable by the weavers to the local panchayat or municipal council may be cancelled or that the payment of the said taxes may be postponed. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has suggested that a general order may be issued to local bodies to exempt weavers from house tax or property tax, as the case may be, with the sanction of the competent authority for one half-year. The Government accept the suggestion of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and accordingly request municipal councils and panchayat boards to exempt weavers in deserving cases from house tax or property tax, as the case may be, with the sanction of the competent authority for one half-year, viz., either the half-year ending 31st March 1951 or, if the taxes due for that half-year have already been paid, the half-year ending 30th September 1951, subject to the following conditions:—

(1) That no dearness allowance grant will be claimed should there be any deficit in the budget of the local body consequent on the exemption;

(2) that no exemption should be given when the finance of the municipality or the panchayat do not warrant it. In deserving cases, time may be granted for payment of arrears of taxes by very poor weavers provided that no arrear is allowed to be outstanding for over two years; and

(3) that the concession allowed should be uniform and applied to all weavers paying less than a fixed sum of house tax or property tax, the limit being fixed by the panchayat or municipal council concerned.

2. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards is requested to bring this order to the notice of minor panchayats.